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Gentlemen,

The Joplin Special Road District is a County entity in charge of construction, maintenance, and improvements of 270 miles of rural roads in southwest Missouri. Operating on a minimal budget we are faced with the problem of stretching our tax dollars as much as logically possible. Over the past sixty years it has been normal practice for us, as well as other road districts and state highway departments to use existing mine chat and tailing piles in our area for road aggregate. Prices range from .30 cents to \$1.00 per ton for this product compared to crushed lime products at \$3.75 to \$4.75 per ton.

We were notified about three weeks ago to cease use of a gravel pile in Galena, Kansas. We have invested \$35,000.00 in this particular pile and had planned on using it for road maintenance over the next 5 to 7 years. Readings taken on this pile by your representatives indicate above standard contents of certain products.

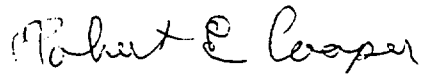
It is our feeling that the gravel pile in question could be used for manufacture of cold mix asphalt cement. We use this product for patching pot holes and road surface overlaying. Road surface overlays generally require a rejuvenation coating in two to three years due to oxidation of petroleum products. This coating consists of spraying the road surface with .30 gallons, per square yard, of cutback liquid asphalt MC-800, and covering of 3/4" depth clean gravel aggregate of 1/4" to 3/8" in size. This is normal procedure for our road district.

We are attaching a list of procedures used by us to manufacture cold mix asphalt cement. We ask that you seriously consider use of this gravel pile for manufacturing of this product and we would use it for no other purpose.



We feel this would be a logical solution for all persons concerned, in disposing of this particular gravel pile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. Cooper".

Robert E. Cooper, Supt.  
Joplin Special Road District.

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